this has not led to the activities of the institute being hampered. Teaching programmes were duly attended to with the help of guest faculty and invited lectures from other organizations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The projected manpower requirement of 200 fisheries scientists per year is on a national basis. 25 per cent of the national requirement is being met out by the CIFE, Mumbai and the rest is through 12 Fisheries Colleges under the State Agricultural University (SAU) system.

(d) and (e) In view of (a), (b) and (c) above, the questions do not arise.

**Assistance to Himachal Pradesh for Natural Calamities**

598. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated damage to human beings, cattles and other properties caused by floods and lightening that hit Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and area-wise; and

(b) the details of financial assistance extended by the Union Government by way of loans, advances and grant for relief and rehabilitation of the affected people in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The loss caused by floods/flash floods in Himachal Pradesh in the last three years, as reported by the state Government, is as under:—

| Year | Human Lives lost | Cattle Death | Loss (Rs. in Crores) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1999-2000 | 30 | 129 | 191.51 |
| 2000-2001 | 177 | 2635 | 1730.89 |
| 2001-2002 (Latest) | 45 | 915 | 138.25 |

Assistance for relief extended by the Central Government is determined by the award of the Finance Commissions. As per the award of the Eleventh Finance Commission, Central share to the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 90.22 crores (Rs. 23.37 crores, Rs. 32.61 crores and Rs. 34.24 crores in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively) were released. Further, to meet the additional expenditure on relief on major floods, based on norms of assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), Rs. 33.29 crores was released.

**Assistance to Southern States for drought and fodder shortage**

599. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious drought conditions and acute shortage of fodder in Karnataka and other Southern States; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of assistance given by Government to Karnataka Government so far to meet the situation besides strengthening the fodder bank and the fodder seed production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Governments of Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka reported drought due to deficient rainfall during South-West Monsoon 2001. No report on acute shortage of fodder has been received from them.

(b) The entire Central share of the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2001-02 amounting to Rs. 58.72 crore has been released to Karnataka. 1 lakh MTs of foodgrains free of cost for Food for Work Programme and 2 lakh MTs of feed grade foodgrains for use as cattle feed have been allocated. As per available information, there is no pressing requirement of cattle feed as also fodder. Funds have also been released under related schemes implemented by Ministry of Rural Development and Department of Drinking Water Supply.